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- the Chinese Nationalist Navy evacuated the Tsingtao Naval Training Center and docks. The military evacuation was completed late in the morning of 2 June, and all vessels left the outer harbor at noon. With a few exceptions, all of the police including the Fire Brigade Unit departed.
- 2. Although Nationalist military engineers and marines thoroughly inspected the electric plant, waterworks and China Textile Industries with the apparent intention of destroying key parts, so far no damage has been reported other than cutting of the power cables to the waterworks. The city has been without water since 30 May.
- 3. The coal shortage at the power plant was relieved with the arrival of the Norwegian freighter SS GLRMA carrying 7,500 tons of coal, which are being off-loaded.
- 4. The curfew was strictly maintained all day 1 June, and only consular and military vehicles were seen in the streets.
- 5. On 2 June small Fire Brigade units and a few police were patrolling the streets, which were fairly empty, and attempting to maintain law and order. Buildings vacated by the military were being looted. There was some vandalism in the residential areas and several armed robberies in the homes and on the streets.
- In the late forenoon of 2 June, about 3,000 Communist troops arrived in an orderly fashion near Fushanshao. A few hundred troops branched off toward the Iltis Huk residential area, and the remainder marched toward Taitungcheng.

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